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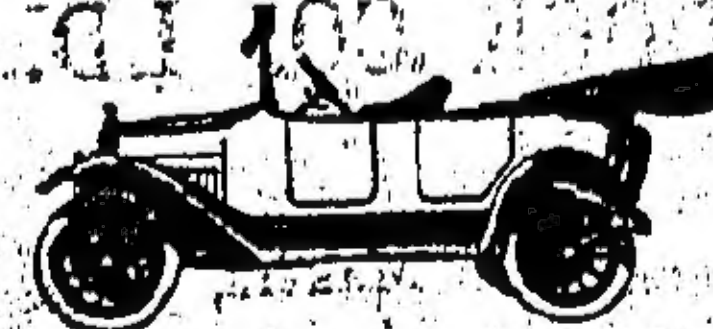
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FRENCH PURSUE ENEMY.

MORE POSITIONS CARRIED.

London, Aug. 29.

1.40 a.m.

A French communiqué states:—

We continued to pursue the enemy

who, under our pressure, precipitate-

ly retreated on a front of 80 kilo-

metres.

We reached the heights on the

left of the Somme from Cuzancourt

as far as the east of Nesle.

Further south we reached the

western bank of the Canal-du-Mord

and the greater part of the course

between Nesle and Noyon.

North of the Oise we carried

Suzoy, Font L'Eveque, Vauchelles

and Perquignot.

THE SOMME LINE.

BRITISH MAKE BRILLIANT

THRUSTS.

OBSTINATE ENEMY

RESISTANCE.

London, Aug. 29.

12.10 a.m.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig

reports:—

The Australians vigorously ad-

vanced and reached the general line

between Herbecourt.

The enemy is stubbornly resisting

before the passages on the Somme

at Brie and Peronne.

On the north bank of the Somme

we captured Curly and Hardcourt,

after hard fighting, and are advanc-

ing in the direction of Maurepas.

Between Bapaume and the Scarpe

we attacked throughout the day, and

progressed at all points. The Lon-

dons gradually outflanked the

enemy, who obstinately resisted, and

captured Croisilles.

The English fought their way to-

wards Vraucourt and south-east of

Fontaine-les-Croisilles.

After severe fighting all day the

Canadians drove the enemy out of

several strongly-defended localities

and important trench systems, and

captured Bois Notre Dame and

Pelves.

We took a number of prisoners in

these operations and advanced our

line to the north of Locon.

BRITISH AVIATORS HARRASS

GERMANS.

TROOPS AND TRANSPORTS

BOMBED.

London, Aug. 29.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig,

reporting on aviation, states:—

Despite the clouds and rainstorms,

our low-flying constantly bombed and

machine-gunned enemy troops and

transport. There was much air

fighting.

We destroyed 10 aeroplanes and

drove down five out of control.

Seven British machines are missing.

We dropped 22 tons of bombs

during the day.

Night-flying was impossible.

GERMAN COMMUNIQUE.

London, Aug. 29.

1 a.m.

A wireless German official report

states:—

We held up the enemy's thrust

after bitter fighting to the east of

Pelves, near Vis-en-Artois and

Croisilles.

Our counter-attack re-captured

Pelves and Fongueval.

Between the Somme and the Oise

we withdrew our lines, giving up

Chaulnes and Roye.

We stormed Hamette and in-

truded an attack on Bazoches, taking

250 Americans prisoner.

THE POSITION REVIEWED.

CROISILLES A HARD NUT.

FALLS AFTER THREE DAYS

FIGHTING.

London, Aug. 29.

With the capture of Bellecourt,

east of Croisilles, reported by the

Correspondents, the Allies seem to

have gained a firm grip on that part

of the Hindenburg line. Croisilles

proved a hard nut, and held out for

three days before the Londoners

ejected the holders.

Bellecourt, barely two miles from

Quenast, is a formidable hinge of the

so-called Brocourt-Quenast line, the

strongest barrier on the west of the

German Command. Despite pro-

testations to the contrary, the enemy

has undoubtedly been unpleasantly

surprised by the rapidity with which

the Allies are following up the re-

treit. It is clear that they never

intended to allow the Allies to ap-

proach so near the Hindenburg line.

The explanation of the Germans

clinging to Bapaume is that they

probably fear that abandonment

might lead to a sudden rush towards

Cambrai, thus making a further

breach into the line.

After comparative quiet the

Americans are again active north of

the Oise. The first day's operations

resulted in 200 prisoners being taken.

ALLIED OPERATIONS A DIVERSION.

FRENCH PRESS OPINION.

London, Aug. 29.

Well-informed French papers hint

that the present operations, despite

their extent, is merely a diversion.

CONSIDERABLE ENEMY RE-

INFORCEMENTS.

IMMENSE STORES AND

EQUIPMENT CAPTURED.

UNITS OF BANDSMEN AND

OTHERS COLLECTED.

London, Aug. 28.

Reuter's Correspondent at British

Headquarters, telegraphing on

Wednesday morning, says:—

A curious position exists at

Bapaume. The New Zealanders

have now strung out a half-moon

well around the northern side, and

we command the place inside the

Albert road.

The Germans, however, brought

considerable reinforcements, and are

evidently prepared to pay heavily to

delay our occupation.

The Germans are massing on the

Bapaume-Guendecourt-Guillaumont

line, but remain conspicuously weak

in guns, having lost so many and

withdrawn others far to the rear.

The Germans are putting in band-

men and sanitary units on the road

in order to reinforce the amazing

number of units, swept up from wide

distances, to try and stem the tide.

We captured an immense quantity

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SATURDAY, the 10th August, 1918, to
THURSDAY, the 15th August, 1918,
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SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, July 30, 1918. 633

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AND COMPANY, St. George's Buildings,
Victoria, Hongkong, the Registered
Office of the above-named Company, on
FRIDAY, the 13th day of September,
1918, at 11.30 o'clock in the forenoon,
when the following Resolutions will be
proposed as Extraordinary Resolutions:

(1) To consider, and if thought fit,
approve the draft new Articles
which will be submitted to the
Meeting.

And in the event of the approval
thereof with or without modification.

(2) To consider, and if thought fit,
pass an Extraordinary Resolution
to the effect:—That the new Arti-
cles already approved by this
Meeting and for the purpose of
identification thereof subscribed
by the Chairman thereof, be and
the same are hereby approved,
and that such Articles be and they
are hereby adopted as the Articles
of the Company to the exclusion
of and in substitution for all the
existing Articles thereof.

Should the above Resolutions be
passed by the required majority they
will be submitted for confirmation as
Special Resolutions to a Second Extra-
ordinary Meeting which will be sub-
sequently convened.

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may be inspected by any shareholder of
the said Company at the Company's
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Hongkong, Aug. 27, 1918. 707

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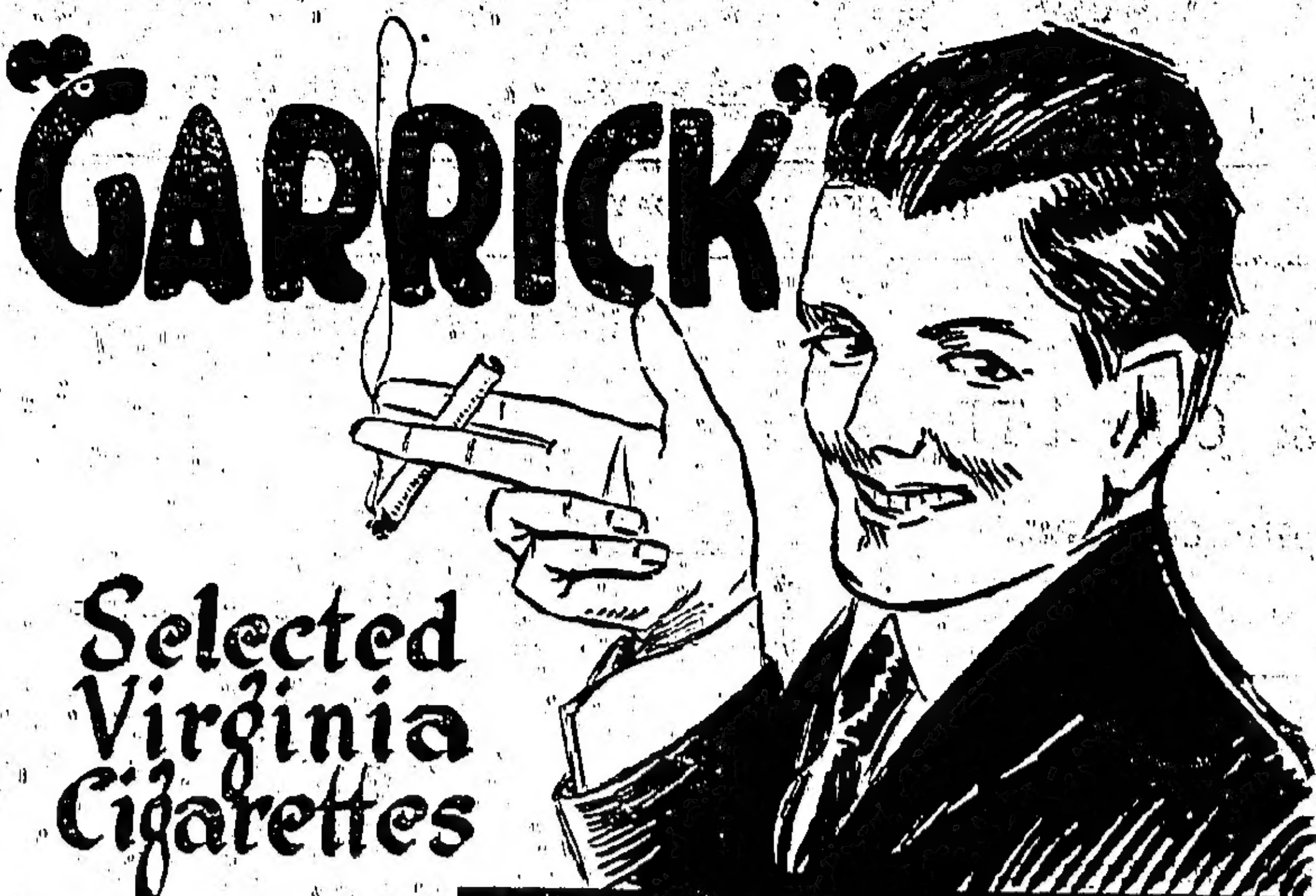
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HAMEL

Consul General.

Hongkong, August 30, 1918. [713]

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Much interest is taken in Northern political circles in the fact that Ng-Pai Fu has come forward as a strong peace advocate. It is thought that if the Yangtze Tukwans support him the President will be able to hasten a peaceful settlement.

The price of rice in Shanghai has gone up considerably on account of the repeated report that the prohibition on the exportation of the cereal will be allowed to relieve the shortage in Japan. Ordinary rice consumed by the average populace was selling last week at \$8 per picul, representing a rise of about eighty cents in three days.

A Peking telegram says the On Fook Club is publishing proofs that the President's son has been buying votes for his father. Fung Kah Sai retorts that he is only following the methods of the On Fook Club. In this connection it is mentioned that Liang Shih Yi has received numerous threatening letters on account of his advocating election of the present President as vice-President.

Kuling, says a correspondent of the N. C. Daily News, is being spoiled for many of us by the presence of a large number of Germans on the hill. These individuals, who seem to be possessed of ample funds, are willing to pay good prices to rent bungalows, and it is a regrettable fact that some American missionaries, the call of whose pockets seems to be greater than the call of patriotism, have let their houses to representatives of a nation whose cruelty and dishonesty proclaims its unfitness to rank as a community of normal beings.

A telegram was received in Shanghai last week announcing that Captain H. Harker Taylor, of the Chinese Labour Corps in France, had been accidentally killed. No further details were given. Capt. Harker Taylor first came to China some 20 years ago, to take up a "partner-ship" in Schroder, Wilkins & Co. Subsequently the firm was dissolved and he joined Fraser & Co., with whom he remained, for several years, finally leaving them for Mustard & Co., whom he represented in Mukden, but the last few months before he went home in 1916 to join up he was in their Shanghai office.

Mr. William Park, of the staff of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, Shanghai, was married to Miss Cecilia Mitchell, of Aberdeen, at Holy Trinity Cathedral last week, the Very Rev. Dean Walker officiating. The church was prettily decorated for the occasion, and Mr. J. Waddell, of the Bank, presided at the organ. The bride, who had just arrived that morning by the *Arabia*, was very prettily attired in a dress of crepe-de-chine and georgette, trimmed with Brussels point lace. She was given away by Mr. Stephen, Manager of the Bank, and Miss K. Trueman was bridesmaid. Mr. Holland was present as best man. At the Bank house Mrs. Stephen was an excellent hostess. Mr. Stephen proposed the health of the bride and bridegroom in a very happy manner and Mr. Park responded. The bride left in a dress of grey crepe-de-chine prettily embroidered, worn with a black tulle hat. The honeymoon will be spent in Taiwan and Korea.

THE OPIUM QUESTION.

CHINESE MUST ACT.

Reuters Peking correspondent writes: The Chinese Press appears to have entirely abandoned the agitation against opium, but active opposition is being prepared with a view to stirring up the flagging zeal of the Chinese in this most important question in the history of China.

Reports from the interior agree that smoking has not shown much increase, but the cultivation of poppy is becoming general and enormous quantities are being grown in Manchuria, Helingkiang, Jehol and Yunnan, while morphine is being imported in vast quantities through Dairen.

The proceeds of the recent opium deal are still in Shanghai and large imports have been added from Hongkong.

If the Chinese public do not take up the matter foreign sympathizers can do little.

President Feng Kuo-chang has officially denied to a member of the American Legation that he is in any way connected with the deal and he is bound to support that statement officially. In that case lies the opportunity of right-thinking Chinese to bring the full weight of public feeling to bear and to prevent China falling back into the old sordid and despised condition and becoming a by-word among nations.

The total output of the Kailash Mining Administration in 1917 for the week ending 17th August amounted to 1,500 tons, and the same amount for the week ending 24th August was 1,500 tons.

THE MAGISTRACY.

CINEMA HOUSES SUMMONED.

FOR BREACH OF REGULATIONS.

Prosecutions against cinema houses for infringement of the regulations have of late been common. Mr. F. C. Jenkin, D. S. P. (R.), prosecuting in every case.

This morning, before Mr. J. R. Wood, the Victoria, Empire, Hongkong and Taiping Theatres were summoned.

The summons against the Victoria Theatre were (1) for neglecting to keep a clear passage or gangway of no less than three feet wide in the rear of the seats in the circle, (2) for unlawfully obstructing with wooden rails the gangway on the ground floor, (3) for failing to indicate, by notices in English and Chinese, all the exit doors used by the public.

Mr. Ray, the manager of the Company, appeared to answer the charge.

In reply to the Magistrate he said the licensee were Messrs. Ramos & Co.

The Magistrate: What is the position?

Mr. Jenkin: That is the position, sir. It was the position last time.

The Magistrate: (To Mr. Ray) You are representing the licensee. You have received three summonses taken out against your Company, and one of them I have here is that on August 24th, at 8.10 p.m., you had obstructed the wooden rails and gangways on the ground floor.

Mr. Ray said he had been manager for the past few months. He had seen Mr. Woodhouse (acting Captain Superintendent of Police) and complained of these summonses as in the past nine years that the Theatre had been running no complaint or representations had been made by the police. Mr. Woodhouse suggested that he should make his defence to the Magistrate. Witness said there were no means of knowing what the regulations were. The exits had been used for nine years. With regard to the gangways, Mr. Jenkin was there at 8.10 p.m. The performance did not commence till 9.30. According to the regulations, he was entitled to apply to H. E. the Governor to cancel the regulations as far as he was concerned.

The Magistrate: Is that so?

Mr. Jenkin: Page 812 of the Theatre Regulations says the Governor may exempt.

The Magistrate (to Mr. Ray): Have you applied to the Governor?

Mr. Ray: I am waiting to see the result of this case.

Mr. Jenkin said the Theatre was allowed 160 seats, but had 170 seats in the circle. The extra seats were apparently for some film that was being shown. There was no gangway in the rear of the seating accommodation. With regard to the exits, doorways, they were covered with curtains and there was nothing to indicate as to what was behind the curtain and where the exits were.

The Magistrate (to Mr. Jenkin): Have you any knowledge as to whether this has been going on for some years?

Mr. Jenkin said it may have been going on for years.

A fine of \$1 was inflicted.

Mr. Ray: Does that deter me from asking the Governor for exemption from the regulation?—Certainly not.

THE HONGKONG THEATRE.

The management of the Hongkong Theatre were summoned for failing to keep a wet blanket immediately outside the buckets.

The proprietor said he had a blanket on top of the buckets.

The Magistrate: You must have the wet blanket outside the buckets, just handy.

Mr. Jenkin: The regulations suppose a wet blanket. The blanket was dry. The point is that a dry blanket is not a wet blanket.—(Laughter.) A further point is that he was fined previously for not having the blanket. He was warned that he should have a wet blanket.

The proprietor pleaded ignorance and was fined \$10.

The proprietor said he would be only too pleased if Mr. Jenkin came and inspected his Theatre, and afterwards gave him a clean certificate.

Mr. Jenkin said he was sending a copy of the regulations to all those interested at his own cost. He stated that prosecutions of the nature he brought up were a warning to all others. He did not expect more than nominal fines. Publicity would be given and the warning taken.

THE EMPIRE THEATRE.

The Empire Theatre was summoned for neglecting to place or keep during the performance a requisite number of fire buckets.

Mr. J. H. Gardner appeared for the manager.

Mr. Gardner said the manager was ill and he was asked to plead guilty. There were 14 buckets short. The license required 32, but there were 18. As soon as his attention was drawn to it, the manager within half an hour made up the deficiency.

A fine of \$10 was inflicted.

THE TAIPING THEATRE.

The management of the Taiping Theatre was summoned for neglecting to keep fire buckets full of water during the performance.

Mr. Jenkin said that Wang Chi Ki, the manager, had asked him to make a statement on his behalf. Under the regulations the Theatre was required to have 24 buckets. There were 15 filled with water. Twelve were found empty and the other three were half-filled.

The manager was fined \$10.

to say that he let the Theatre to some one, and they forgot to fill the buckets with water and to keep the requisite number.

Mr. Wood fined defendant \$10.

MURDEROUS ASSAULT ON A JUNK.

ATTACK UPON TWO WOMEN.

A blood-curdling story was related this morning by Sergeant Gordon in Mr. J. R. Wood's Court when a Chinese was charged with murderous assault on the mistress of a junk and her daughter. The allegations are that the defendant and another man were engaged on a junk which was lying in Victoria Harbour on August 2nd. At 4 p.m. these two men had a conversation as regards the wealth of the mistress of the boat and at about 10 o'clock while the mistress and her daughter with two others were sleeping in their cabin, the defendant and his associate armed themselves with a chopper, and defendant went to the woman who was in the cabin while the other man went to the lower deck where the daughter was sleeping and brutally assaulted them. The skull of the mother was cut in two places and her left jaw fractured, and that of the young woman in three places. They were not at first expected to recover, but are now out of danger and progressing favourably. There were as well two men sleeping in the junk in the bottom of the hold. Before making the assault on the women, defendant and his associate closed down the hatch on these two men to prevent interference in their nefarious enterprise. Hearing cries of "save life" the two men who were in the hatch struggled at the cover of the hatch and succeeded in pushing it up. They rushed along the junk and armed themselves with a big bamboo pole or stick. By this time the defendant and his friend were apparently scared. To Pe Chi, one of the men who came out of the hatch, broke the bamboo on the head of the defendant, while the defendant's associate was also hit, both their skulls being smashed. As a result of this injury the defendant's arm became paralysed, but he managed to jump overboard and swim ashore to Fung Moon. Ah Po (the defendant's associate) also jumped over. The defendant was able to swim and got landed near the shipbuilding yard and at 3 o'clock the following morning he was picked up in Mong Kok by the Police and was sent to hospital in an unconscious condition. He was discharged after a fortnight. Ah Po was also discovered at Mong Kok. He was suffering from wounds in the head, which must have been inflicted by Pe Chi. In addition there were two bullet wounds at the back. As to how the bullet wounds were received, Sergeant Gordon could only surmise. Certainly no shots were fired on the junk on which the dastardly assault was committed. The man was sent to hospital and eventually died.

As regards the other bullet wounds Sergeant Gordon thought that the onlooking junks might have heard cries and when they saw Ah Po swimming in the water they shot him. Ah Po made a long statement to the Police in the hospital, which went to prove that it was a well-planned, scheme with the intention of robbing the mistress.

The women are still in hospital but are expected to be discharged within a few days.

DAGGERS CONFISCATED.

An old Chinese who had spent 43 years in California and did odd jobs on farms was charged with being in unlawful possession of two daggers both of which were concealed in one sheath.

Sergeant Blackman said that defendant arrived in the Colony last Saturday and was on his way to his village when he was arrested and his luggage searched, revealing daggers, which were concealed underneath some clothing. The Captain Superintendent of Police asked that the daggers be confiscated.

Mr. Wood made an order confiscating the daggers and inflicted on defendant a nominal fine of \$1.

GIVING A FALSE ADDRESS.

A Chinese was charged before Mr. J. R. Wood with giving a false address when pawning five yards of silk.

Evidence was given to the effect that defendant was seen going into a pawnshop at Stanton Street by a detective sergeant, who arrested him.

Defendant's wife said the silk belonged to her, but the Magistrate remarked that he did not believe her story. He was not impressed that the defendant had stolen the silk, but fined him \$10 with the alternative of 14 days' hard labour for giving a false address and \$20 or in default one month's hard labour for being in unlawful possession of the silk.

LOTTERY TICKETS.

A Chinese was charged before Mr. J. R. Wood, with being in possession of 3,000 lottery tickets for sale.

A previous conviction was recorded against defendant and he was fined \$100 for possession of lottery tickets.

LABOUR TROUBLES.

This afternoon before Mr. E. D. O. Wolfe three Chinese were charged for inciting 400 men, of various boat-building shops, to stop work. The men were threatened with bodily injuries if they did not strike.

The reason why they the defendants forced boatmen to strike was because they did not get an increase of salary.

They represented the matter to the Secretary for Chinese Affairs and he said he could not interfere and if they did not wish to work, they could place themselves.

Mr. M. K. Lo appeared to prosecute on behalf of the boat-builders, while Mr. Haywood appeared for the defence. The case is proceeding.

HONGKONG DEFENCE CORPS.

Administrative Orders by Major E. A. Morgan, Administrative Commandant.

APPOINTMENT.—His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint Dr. Harry Lovett, M.B., B.S., to be a Lieutenant in the Hongkong Defence Corps, with effect from 20.12.18, vice Lieut. Charles William McKenny transferred to the Supernumerary List.

STRENGTH.—No. 988 Pte. C. E. Holmes was enrolled on 23.8.18 and posted to "B" Company. No. 989 Pte. J. D. Durrell was enrolled on 23.8.18.

No. 990 Gunner R. W. Lee was enrolled on 23.8.18 and posted to Artillery Coy.

No. 991 Gunner W. J. Singer was enrolled on 23.8.18 and posted to Artillery Company.

No. 992 Pte. W. J. Pringle, "E" Coy, is permitted to resign, on leaving the Colony, to date from day of departure.

TRANSFERS.—No. 754 Pte. L. A. Barton, Mounted Section, is transferred to "A" Company, No. 1 Platoon, dated 24th August, 1918.

LEAVE.—On returning from leave all ranks are warned that it is their duty to report the fact of their return to their unit Commanders in writing.

EQUIPMENT BOARD.—The Board will sit at Headquarters from 5.30 p.m. to 8 p.m. on the following dates:—

MONDAY, 9th September.

FRIDAY, 20th.

MONDAY, 30th.

ANNUAL MUSKETRY COURSE.—To guard against any possibility of shortage of ammunition on the Range, unit Commanders will inform the Quartermaster not later than noon on the day on which firing is to take place, of the number of rounds required.

Orders for Artillery Company by Capt. J. H. H. Armstrong, Y.D.

PARADES AT BELCHERS BATTERY.—TUESDAY, 3rd September:—7.30 a.m.—Right Half Coy. New Layers Class only.

5.3 p.m.—Left Half Coy. Full drill.

THURSDAY, 5th Sept.:—5.30 p.m.—Left Half Coy. New D.R. Class only.

FRIDAY, 6th Sept.:—7.30 a.m.—Right Half Coy. Full drill.

5.31 p.m.—Left Half Coy. New Layers Class only.

Orders for Engineer Company by Captain W. Russell.

30th August to 6th Sept, 1918:—E. C. MANNING NIGHTLY.

Parades as per rosters posted at Headquarters. Engine Drivers at 6.15 p.m.; Electricians at 6.3 p.m. On and from 2nd Sept.

Belchers Captain Russell; Lyceum, 2nd Lieut. Hill; Stonecutters, Lieut. Stevenson.

Instructions for higher ratings and N.C.O.s and men of the Infantry Battalion attached for duty:—

Class 1 at Belchers at 8.30 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays for all who have not passed the "Proficient" rate (1st) examination.

Class 2 at Belchers at 8.30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Fridays for all N.C.O.s and men of higher ratings, under Staff Sergeants, Overlanders and Parsons, R.E. and Serjt. Day, H.K.D.C.

Class 3 at Lyceum at 6.30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Fridays, under Staff Sergeants, Barclay and White, R.E. and Serjt. Williams, H.K.D.C.

Detail of Belchers Reliefs for Sept. and detail of duties at Lyceum from 1st to 18th September inclusive are posted at Headquarters for information of all concerned.

Orders for Infantry Battalion by Major E. A. Morgan.

JUDGING DISTANCE.—SATURDAY, 7th instant:—Platoons will parade as follows:—

Fall in, ready to march off, at 500 yards Firing Point, King's Park Range.

2.30 p.m. No. 2 Platoon.

3.10 p.m. No. 3 Platoon.

4.10 p.m. No. 4 Platoon.

4.45 p.m. No. 5 Platoon. Dress, drill order.

Caution, all men who have to attend this parade as well as that on 14th Sept. owing to their absence from the last Judging Distance parade, may parade with the Platoon most convenient for them.

PARADES.—"A" Company.

TUESDAY, 3rd Sept.:—5.15 p.m.—No. 2 Platoon at King's Park Range. Annual Musketry Course, Part 3, Practices 13, 14, and 15. Dress, drill order with pouches.

WEDNESDAY, 4th Sept.:—5.15 p.m.—No. 1 Platoon at King's Park Range. Musketry. Every N.C.O. and man will attend. Dress, drill order with pouches.

THURSDAY, 5th Sept.:—5.15 p.m.—No. 2 Platoon at King's Park Range. Annual Musketry Course, Part 3, Practices 13, 14, and 15. Dress, drill order with pouches.

FRIDAY, 6th Sept.

5.15 p.m.—No. 2 Platoon at King's Park Range. Annual Musketry Course, Part 1, Practices 1 and 2. Dress, drill order with pouches.

5.30 p.m.—No. 3 Platoon will parade as ordered by Platoon Commander. "B" Company.

TUESDAY, 3rd instant:—5.15 p.m.—No. 3 Platoon at Cricket Club. T.E.T. Dress, drill order with pouches. All exempted men are to attend this parade (unless Tests have been completed).

5.31 p.m.—No. 6 Platoon at Headquarters. T.E.T. Dress, drill order with pouches. All exempted men are to attend this parade (unless Tests have been completed).

5.30 p.m.—No. 7 Platoon on Polo Ground. Hongkong residents will parade at Cricket Club at 5.10 p.m. and proceed by Tram to Causeway Bay. T.E.T. Dress, drill order with pouches and 15 rounds ammunition. All exempted men are to attend this parade (unless Tests have been completed).

THURSDAY, 4th Sept.:—5.30 p.m.—No. 8 Platoon at Kowloon Dock. T.E.T.

FRIDAY, 6th Sept.:—5.31 p.m.—No. 7 Platoon on Polo Ground. Hongkong residents will parade at Cricket Club at 5.10 p.m. and proceed by Tram to Causeway Bay. T.E.T. Dress, drill order with pouches and 15 rounds ammunition. All exempted men are to attend this parade (unless Tests have been completed).

MONDAY, 2nd Sept.:—5.15 p.m.—At King's Park Range. Annual Musketry Course, Part 1, Practices 1 and 2. Dress, drill order with pouches.

MONDAY, 2nd Sept.:—5.30 p.m.—At Headquarters. T.E.T. Dress, drill order.

THURSDAY, 4th Sept.:—5.30 p.m.—At Jockey Club Stables. Dress, drill order without rifles.

TUESDAY, 3rd September:—5.15 p.m.—Parade at Headquarters. T.E.T. Dress, drill order (rifle, belt, sidearms and pouches).

MONDAY, 2nd September:—5.30 p.m.—The following recruits will parade at Kennedy Road Range:—Pte. Coates, Elias, Faralla and Wheeler. Dress, drill order without rifles. Sergt. Edmonds will attend.

5.30 p.m.—Remaining recruits of all units, except "D" Company, on Murray Parade Ground, under Sergt. Oxberry. Dress, drill order.

FRIDAY, 6th Sept.:—5.30 p.m.—Recruits of all units, except "D" Company, on Murray Parade Ground under Sergt. Oxberry. Dress, drill order.

Orders for Cadet Company by 2nd Lieut. J. E. W. Beard.

WEDNESDAY, 4th Sept.:—5 p.m.—Swimming,

TELEGRAMS.

(Continued from Page 1.)

"PEACEFUL PENETRATION" ON THE SCARPE.

BRITISH GO FORWARD.

CANADIANS CAPTURE CROSSING.

London, Aug. 27. The British, telegraphing from Headquarters, say:—

The British this morning by hard fighting in wet and misty weather advanced to the east of Arras, thus carrying the line a mile further east along the Scarpe than they have ever so far penetrated.

The Canadians began pushing beyond Vimy-Arras, soon after daylight, after which a second Canadian attack was delivered on a front of five miles, fairly evenly outflanking Arras and the Capbun road.

A significance of the present fighting is that it will carry us right into the main arteries of the Hindenburg line.

On the 28th was carried by the Germans in face of tremendous odds. The Canadians reached the old German line on a considerable sector, while Abbeville and Bay are in our hands.

The French on the right captured Mauchaplet, which is very close to the Somme.

GERMAN FRONT SPLITTING.

BULGARIAN AND AUSTRIAN REINFORCEMENTS.

MARSHAL FOCH'S RELENTLESS GRIP.

Paris, Aug. 28.

General von Ludendorff is using German forces rendered available by the arrival of Austrian and Bulgarian contingents on the Occidental front.

He attempted during the last few days to make his resistance efficient. He increased his casualties without changing the results.

The British are still advancing and are masters of Bapaume.

The French captured Chaumes and Roye—pillars of the German defense—and pursued the enemy this morning for seven miles up to the line of Nesles. The fall of Noyon appears imminent as the whole German front is splitting.

General von Ludendorff is trying to attain the Hindenburg line but Marshal Foch is relentlessly refusing him all respite and constantly harassing him everywhere.

It is now possible that the German forces will be finally either overthrown into the Somme marshes, or find their retreat choked between the Somme and the Oise. The disheartening effect, clearly shown by the German Press, is more and more accounted for. The diplomatic defeat of the Berlin Government, which was forced to give in to Spain's ultimatum concerning the regulation of tonnage, and the news of the progressive reorganization of Russian forces owing to the Allied co-operation have increased the unpopularity of German opinion.—Havas Agency.

EUPHEMISTIC GERMAN REPORTS.

Amsterdam, Aug. 28.

German supplementary Army reports are continuing their endeavoring to reassure the people by representing the recent events in the West as a costly failure to attain the aim ascribed to the Entente, namely, to break through.

A semi-official report euphemistically refers to the "timely evasiveness" of the enemy attacks.

SOBERING EFFECT IN BERLIN.

MODERATION SPEECHES BY DR. SOLF AND PRINCE MAX.

Paris, Aug. 28.

Dr. Solf, German Minister of Colonies, and Prince Max of Baden have just delivered speeches, trying to show moderation in order to allow possibilities of talking with Germany and admitting her in the Society of Nations.—Havas Agency.

SUPPLIED BY ALL CHEMISTS.

Physicians prescribed Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy because it relieves cramps in the stomach and intestinal pains quicker than any preparation they can compound. It can be bought from any chemist. The bottle will tell you how to use it. It is sold by all chemists and druggists.

GERMAN COMMAND GROPING IN DARK.

FOCH'S INTENTIONS A MYSTERY.

Amsterdam, Aug. 29.

The *Volgende Gazette* candidly admits that surprise is growing at the extent of the attack, especially by the British, which is daily more terrible, dwarfing even the great German onslaughts.

The writer reveals that the German Command is still groping in the dark regarding Marshal Foch's intentions, and complains that large forces are tied to the so-called quiet sectors, as they never know where the next attack is coming.

TREATMENT OF GAS CASES.

AMERICAN INSTITUTION OPENED.

THE ONLY ONE IN THE WORLD.

London, Aug. 28.

The Americans in France have opened the only institution in the world for the exclusive treatment of gas cases.

Arrangements have been made for a large supply of serum for the cure and prevention of gas gangrene.

STARVATION IN AUSTRIA.

MINERS INCAPACITATED BY LACK OF FOOD.

Zurich, Aug. 29.

According to the Prague newspapers, 2,000 miners of the Proborsky State mines are incapacitated by lack of food.

Cases of sickness and death from starvation in the German districts and in Bohemia have doubled in July.

AIR-RAID ON CONSTANTINOPLE.

BOMBS FALL ON CITY.

London, Aug. 29.

1.40 a.m.

A Turkish communiqué states:—Enemy airmen made an air-raid on Constantinople, on the night of the 23rd-24th.

Bombs fell in the outer quarter of the city.

ORGY OF MURDER IN FINLAND.

FINLAND.

MASSACRE OF THE INNOCENTS.

MONARCHY TO BE ESTABLISHED.

Stockholm, Aug. 28.

A prominent Finnish Socialist, M. Tanner, states the White Guards in Finland recently shot 10,000 persons, many of whom were perfectly innocent, and imprisoned 20,000.

A proposal for a Monarchy has passed the Landtag by seven votes by an illegal extension of opponents.

The working classes are treated like pariahs.

A great number of laborites in the Landtag have been illegally imprisoned.

BOLSHEVIST RULE.

HOW IT IS MAINTAINED.

Archangel, Aug. 28.

Competent critics state that the Bolshevist Government is maintained by Left battalions and the Red Guards in limited numbers, but are well supplied with guns, rifles and ammunition, and are very highly paid and well-fed, whilst the remainder of the population are completely disarmed, terrorized and robbed of every thing short of food.

A large percentage of the lower classes and a small percentage of the intelligentsia favour the appointment of the King by the permanent Ombudsman, Balra, Roigis and Verpillieres.

Further south we penetrated Crapau Meaul Wood and captured Dives.

This morning we continued our progress to the Somme.

We reached north of the Avre a general line from Licourt, Fote Meaulle-Poit to Nesles.

Since yesterday we have retaken about 30 villages and advanced 12 kilometers at certain points.

GOOD AERIAL WORK ACCOMPLISHED.

London, Aug. 28.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports on aviation:—

Despite clouds and rainstorms, a great amount of work was accomplished on the 28th.

Our airplanes dropped ammunition by parachute to our machine-gunners.

CZECH AND POLISH DISTRICTS MOBILISING AGAINST AUSTRIA.

HOSTILITIES EXPECTED MOMENTARILY.

Amsterdam, Aug. 29.

The *Weser Zeitung* reports that the Polish, Czech, and South Slav districts of Austria are mobilising against Austria. Hostilities are every moment expected.

Military patrols are guarding the Prague-Pilsen railway.

AMERICAN LABOUR LEADER IN LONDON.

London, Aug. 28.

The American Labour Leader, Mr. Gompers, has arrived.

MR. PAGE'S RESIGNATION.

IT FOUND REGRET EXPRESSED.

London, Aug. 28.

The Press unanimously and profoundly regret Mr. Page's resignation. A tribute is paid to his services, and a contrast is made of his attitude towards Great Britain with Count Rumstorf's towards America prior to the entry of the United States into the war.

FIGHTING ON MEXICAN BORDER.

NUMEROUS AMERICAN CASUALTIES.

New York, Aug. 28.

A message from Nogales says a frontier incident developed into serious fighting between the border guards. There were numerous American casualties.

It is estimated the Mexicans lost 100 killed and 200 wounded.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

THE GREAT OFFENSIVE.

CLOSING ON BAPAUME.

London, Aug. 28.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:—

Southward of Bapaume the English and Welsh gained ground in face of strong opposition.

We reached the western outskirts of Fiers and drove the enemy from Longueval, Delville Wood and Bernafay Wood. We repulsed counter-attacks by Prussian Guards.

Astride the Somme, Australians, English and Scots drove back the enemy on the whole front of our attack.

We gained the high ground eastward of Marcourt.

We captured Fontaine-lez-Cappy and the woods between that place and the Somme, taking hundreds of prisoners. We also captured Verdun Ouliers.

SUCCESSFUL OPERATIONS BY BRITISH.

London, Aug. 28.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:—

We captured, on Tuesday, Foucaucourt, southward of the Somme, which the enemy had held strongly with machine-guns.

Northward of the Somme we captured the bulk of Trones Wood, taking a number of prisoners from the Prussian Guard Division.

Southward of the Scarpe the First Army improved its positions astride the Arras Cambrai Road and reached the outskirts of Hamcourt and Bory-notre-dame.

Northward of the Scarpe, strong counter-attacks along the Arras-Douai railway forced back our advanced troops for a few hundred yards. The old German trenches at Greenland Hill, where the attack broke down under our fire.

We carried out a successful operation astride the Nes, Beaugny, Estaires road, advancing the line on a four-mile front, taking a number of prisoners.

FRENCH OCCUPY CHAULNES.

London, Aug. 28.

A French communiqué states:—

We have occupied Chaulnes.

FRENCH RETAKE 30 VILLAGES.

London, Aug. 28.

A French communiqué says:—

Maintaining contact with the enemy's rear-guards, we continued to advance, during the night, north and south of the Avre, and occupied Chaulnes, Ombecourt, Balra, Roigis and Verpillieres.

Further south we penetrated Crapau Meaul Wood and captured Dives.

This morning we continued our progress to the Somme.

We reached north of the Avre a general line from Licourt, Fote Meaulle-Poit to Nesles.

Since yesterday we have retaken about 30 villages and advanced 12 kilometers at certain points.

Our airplanes dropped ammunition by parachute to our machine-gunners.

Our low-fliers bombed and machine-gunned enemy troops and transports.

We dropped 200 tons of bombs, destroyed four hostile machines and drove down one uncontrollable. Nine British machines are missing.

REMARKABLE STATEMENTS IN GERMAN PRESS.

London, Aug. 28.

The following remarkable statement appears in the semi-official *Volkische Gazette*:—"Now, if ever, is the moment to keep a stiff upper lip. If we grow weak and faint-hearted then everything we have done and suffered will fade away. One will read that we were a race which seemed great, but were in reality small and we shall have to atone for the foreigner if we lose the war. We must fight on even if the heavens become still darker."

General Ardennes, the critic, writing in the *Berliner Tageblatt*, frankly admits that the Germans have underestimated Marshal Foch's resources, thinking they received a knock-out blow in the Spring.

LLOYD GEORGE HINDENBURG'S GREAT OPPONENT.

Amsterdam, Aug. 28.

The official writer in the *Volkische Zeitung* states that Mr. Lloyd George, Hindenburg's great opponent, as so often before is endeavoring to shift the centre of gravity of the operations in accordance with the positions occupied by England and Germany at the beginning of the twentieth century.

Germany, purely a continental power, fights for Europe, while England, a world power for centuries, is fighting all over the world. It is her interest to establish equilibrium on the Western front, to seek partial decisions made in France, which is all to Germany's advantage.

Germany must, however, realize that England's history clearly shows she can learn her lessons. Sufficient proof of this is afforded by the successful resistance of the last German offensive.

FRENCH STEAMER TORPEDOED.

A BRUTAL MASSACRE.

London, Aug. 28.

Harrowing details are published of the sinking of the French steamer *Leviathan* off the north coast of Spain on July 16 whilst returning from Baku. The crew were largely Chinese.

A submarine torpedoed the vessel without warning, killing several of the crew. A second torpedo then struck the vessel while a boat was being lowered. The wreckage tore the boat from the davit, but the boat kept her keel, whereupon the submarine rammed and cut her in two, then turned and rammed the other boat. The Captain and a young woman passenger were killed by the impact. The murderers then endeavored to sink the remaining survivors who were on a raft, but unsuccessfully. When one of the ship's officers tried to swim to the steamer from the raft, the submarine turned and cut him up with its propeller. After finally disposing of the *Leviathan* by shelling, the submarine made a sixth and successful attempt to ram the raft. Amid the laughter of the crew of the submarine, the bloody work was thus completed. The submarine then turned eastwards and disappeared.

The "heroic contest" lasted for two hours.

Out of 48 aboard the steamer, eight survivors were rescued.

THE SIBERIAN CAMPAIGN.

SIBERIAN GOVERNMENT NON-PLUSED.

Vladivostok, Aug. 25.

General Plehko of the Far East has carried out a coup d'état and issued a proclamation declaring that the Russian military forces in the Far East will henceforth be included in his command, whereupon the Russian volunteers organized locally on behalf of the Siberian Government went over to General Plehko's cause.

The suddenness of the affair has non-plused the Siberian Government which is unable to organize opposition. No bloodshed has occurred. The Allied representatives are considering the situation.

CZECH ARMY FALLS BACK.

Tokio, Aug. 28.

The War Office states that the Czech army on the left bank of the Vltava River has been obliged to fall back owing to the attack by superior enemy forces on the 26th on their right wing, namely, Kamikoff's detachment near Anziska. The Japanese near Suifu, Gansu, covered the retreat, sustaining casualties. Then, with the co-operation of French and Czechs, Kamikoff occupied Suifu and its vicinity.

RECRUITING IN IRELAND.

SINN FEINNERS ENLIST.

London, Aug. 28.

The prospects of the Irish voluntary recruiting campaign are improving daily. The new machinery promises to move smoothly and with good effect, and there is reason to believe that as a result of the first fortnight's voluntary effort under the new regime the response will be more than equal to that made during the first fortnight's recruiting.

Recruiting meetings have had a good effect in Dublin and Belfast. Recruiting is proceeding at Waterford, Ennis, and four prominent local Sinn Feinners have enrolled.

ARABLE AREA IN ENGLAND.

RECORDS BROKEN.

London, Aug. 28.

The Board of Agriculture states the arable area in England and Wales is 12,400,000 acres, an increase of 1,152,000 acres as compared with 1917, and a record for twenty years.

The wheat acreage has been increased by 638,000 acres and is a record. Other corn and pulse crops have increased 24 per cent and potatoes have increased 25 per cent, these also being records.

THE AWARDS FOR HEROISM.

London, Aug. 28.

The awards for deeds of heroism published in the *Gazette* include seven awards of the Distinguished Service Order, three of Bars to Distinguished Service Order, nine of the Distinguished Service Cross, two of Bars to the Distinguished Service Cross, two of the Distinguished Gallantry Medal and 60 of Distinguished Medals.

The French decorations include Vice-Admiral Keyes who is created a Grand Officer of the Legion of Honour.

THE HOUSING PROBLEM AT SINGAPORE.

RECOMMENDATIONS BY A GOVERNMENT COMMISSION.

The report of the Commission appointed by His Excellency the Governor to enquire into housing in Singapore is dated July 10 and was ready about a month ago. It was issued last evening.

The Commissioners were Mr. V. George Maxwell, C.M.G., President, Mr. Roland Braddell, Mr. J. A. Elias, Dr. G. A. Finkelson, Mr. Lee Choon Guan and Mr. J. Lorne, all of whom have signed the report, Mr. Bradell and Mr. Lorne with certain reservations.

The Summary says:—

In a nutshell, our findings in regard to the housing difficulties are as follows:—

Houses for the European community. There is a very serious shortage, due to many reasons. The Government houses, next, but not all, of the European community. The Municipal Board houses, next, but not all, of the European community. The Society houses, next, but not all, of the European community.

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